

**Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the
Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board
11 December, 1995 - Price Elementary School**

Members and alternates present:

Mr. Larry Bailey, RAB Community Co-Chair
Mr. Gary Beyer
Mr. Tom Culbertson
Mr. Allan Hagelthorn
Dr. Gene Lene
Mr. B. Kirk Lofton, alternate for Sam Sanchez
Mr. Armando Quintanilla
Mr. George Rice
Ms. Deborah Robinson, alternate for Bill Sain
Mr. Desiderio D. Raygosa, alternate for Nick Rodriguez
Mr. Juan Solis, RAB Community Co-Chair
Mr. Edward Weinstein

Kelly Air Force Base Staff Present:

Mr. Michael Estrada
Mr. Daniel Medina
Captain Ed Von Dran
Mr. Dick Walters
Ms. Victoria Wark
Ms. Adrienne Williams

Members absent without alternates:

Mr. Charles Ayala
Mr. Roy Gill
Ms. Yolanda Johnson
Mr. Carl Mixon
Mr. Tom Moore
Mr. Sam Murrah
Ms. Kelly Thurlow

Mr. Juan Solis Sr. Community Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present. No changes to the agenda were recommended. A copy of the agenda is included as attachment 1.

Item I: Charter Revision

The Board approved a new charter to take effect at the next meeting. In accepting the new charter, the Board excluded sections G, H and I, dealing with member conflict of interest (COI). These sections and the issue of COI will be placed on a future agenda.

In addition, the Board approved a motion waiving a provision in the original charter. That provision states that changes to the Charter must be read at one meeting and approved at the next. Adherence to this provision would have delayed the new charter's approval until the next meeting.

In discussing the COI provisions of the new charter, Mr. Armando Quintanilla informed

the Board that he had filed a claim against the Air Force centering on his property, 710 Price Avenue. He stated that he would exclude himself from any decisions or discussions concerning the property. Mr. Solis then asked the Board whether any other member had a COI; none indicated that they had a conflict.

Item II: Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board deferred approval of the minutes. Several Board members had not received the minutes in time to review them before the meeting.

Item III: Membership Actions

Mr. Larry Bailey reported that he and Mr. Solis had sent a letter to Paul Roberson of the Initial Base Adjustment Strategy Committee asking him to join the Restoration Advisory Board.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board that Mr. Tom Smith had been advised of his removal from the Board for missing two consecutive meetings without an alternate and that Mr. Smith had indicated an interest in re-joining the Board. Mr. Bailey stated that Mr. Smith was informed that he would have to re-apply for membership and had been provided with the necessary application.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board that Mr. Solis' alternate would be Mrs. Solis.

Additionally, Mr. Bailey reported that Mrs. Kelly Thurlow had verbally requested termination of her membership. Ms. Thurlow will be officially notified of her removal.

Item IV – TNRCC Risk Reduction Rules – How Clean is Clean?

Mr. Gary Beyer, Board member representing the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), made a presentation to the Board concerning TNRCC Risk Reduction Rules. Copies of his overhead transparencies are included as Attachment 2. (To be provided)

Mr. Beyer explained the three-level, risk based clean-up standards that the TNRCC enforces. These standards replaced the old standard of "clean to the background levels".

In response to a question about which standard was most stringent, Mr. Beyer stated that standard 1 is the most stringent, but that it was not economically feasible to always clean up to that standard. Additionally, Mr. Beyer stated that TNRCC had evaluated the Kelly proposal and found it to be protective of the human health and environment.

Mr. Beyer also discussed the US Environmental Protection Agency's role in the clean up of Kelly Air Force Base. The EPA has authorized TNRCC to evaluate Base clean up proposals and actions, but the EPA maintains an oversight role. EPA will review the process at the time of Base closure.

During and following his presentation, Mr. Beyer took questions from the Board. In response to a series of the questions, the following responses were offered:

- The Kelly Air Force Base Environmental Management organization makes a

recommendation regarding clean-up standards which are reviewed and approved for submittal to TNRCC by the Base Commander.

- Kelly is not seeking a change in the status of the shallow aquifer at this time.
- Storage tanks come under a different program and therefore different specific standards.
- Public hearings provide an opportunity for public input to the decision/approval process. Mr. Quintanilla stated that he, speaking as a citizen and on behalf of other Base neighbors, felt the clean-up standard was too low and that the proposed 30-year clean up time was too long.
- TNRCC receives funding from a variety of sources including state and federal funds. The federal funds include funding from the Department of Defense.

ITEM V - EMRO Update

Captain Edward von Dran (Kelly AFB EMRO) informed the board that the draft final report of the 1995 Basewide Remedial Assessment was available for review. Copies of his overhead transparencies are included as Attachment 3.

- Captain von Dran said the report was developed to identify, track and monitor any progress of potential contamination and to assure that Kelly Air Force Base is addressing all the issues.

Mr. Rice commended the Air Force, calling the report "very good work". He noted that the Air Force is not assuming that the interim cleanup systems are working, but has identified potential problems and is working on fixes.

ITEM VI - RAB Training

Mr. Jody Wireman, Armstrong Lab briefed the Board concerning the Lab's role in the Kelly AFB Installation Restoration Program. He stated that Armstrong Lab would be reviewing existing data and risk assessments with an emphasis on public health aspects. Copies of his overhead transparencies are included as Attachment 4.

In response to questions following Mr. Wireman's presentation, the following responses/clarifications were offered:

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Mr. Wireman could not confirm whether or not Armstrong Labs or ATSDR would look into the fire at East Kelly and the 10,000 gallons of contaminated water that entered Leon Creek.

Overall human health is the focus of Armstrong Lab.

ITEM VII - The Defense Environment Alert Subscription

Mr. Bailey suggested two copies be purchased; however, several board members **suggested** only a single copy be purchased. No final decision was reached on the number of copies or how they would be made available to the RAB.

ITEM VIII - Budget Update

Mr. Dan Medina briefed status/forecast of Kelly's FY96 clean up funding. Medina's overhead transparencies are included as Attachment 5.

Copies of Mr.

- 80% of the projected budget is for clean-up, with most of the emphasis on Zone 3.
- Mr. Quintanilla suggested the Board may wish to develop a budget subcommittee at **some** point to review the RAB budget.
- There was a discussion about community outreach and draft Defense Department guidance on including RAB input to the budget process.
- The FY96 budget should be available for review in the next few weeks.

ITEM IX - Subcommittee Reports

Groundwater Sub-committee Mr. Rice stated that he was developing a hydrologic model that he would like to present at a future meeting. Mr. Soils asked if this was the groundwater committee's project or a personal project of Mr. Rice's to which Mr. Rice indicated that this was a personal project but welcomed input from anyone. There will be a Groundwater subcommittee meeting in January and Mr. Rice will present his findings at that meeting.

RAB Newsletter In lieu of Mr. Sanchez (absent), Mr. Quintanilla related that those in the community, with whom he had spoken regarding the newsletter, felt it was directed more toward RAB members than the community. Mr. Quintanilla also related that the community wants to read about what is being done by the RAB.

Mr. Rice requested information on submission of articles to the newsletter. Anyone may submit an article by submitting it to the RAB community co-chair, Mr. Soils. The Newsletter committee will approve or disapprove articles for publication.

ITEM X - NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Michael Overbay, EPA Senior Project Manager for Base Closure Team briefed the RAB on the BRAC process and EPA's role in it.

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- Government property cannot be sold (a deed cannot be transferred) before EPA certifies that the property is clean. This does not prevent a long-term lease. EPA will hold closing military bases to the same safe standards as with any industry clean-up.
- One full-time employee will be arriving in January (from EPA) to work directly with the Kelly Base Closure Team.
- He clarified the RAB's role in the BRAC process as advisory rather than a decision making committee. RAB members are individuals providing input and a majority opinion is not required for opinions to be considered.
- Regulators - EPA and TNRCC have the final decision regarding when clean up is done and whether 30 years is a normal time frame for groundwater clean-up. The State does look at the time frame and selects the most appropriate process for clean-up. EPA and TNRCC work with on and off-site locations.
- Mr. Quintanilla questioned Mr. Overbay concerning lowered property values (off-base) caused by contamination. Mr. Overbay stated that EPA cannot remedy this problem.

ITEM XI - Review/Plan Next Meeting

The next Restoration Advisory Board meeting will be 5 February 1996 at Price Elementary School at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Solis accepted the following agenda items for the 5 February meeting.

- Discussion of Responsiveness Summary
- RAB working with contractors
- Presentation by the city on the status of the Quintana Road culvert relocation project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.